Printing of Reservation Slips

4137 DR. ASIM BALA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are considering to print reservation/cancellation slips in all the regional languages;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS ((SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (c) Instructions already exist for Zonal Railways that each Reservation/ Cancellation forms/slips for public use should invariably be printed bilingually in Hindi and English in Hindi speaking areas and also in the concerned regional language in non-Hindi speaking areas on the same sheet or reverse.

[Translation]

Over bridge

4138 SHRI KACHARU BHAU RAUT : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether people have demanded for construction of an over bridge on Lasalgaon Railway Station (Nasik) in Maharashtra; and

(b) the details of the action being taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b) Railway consider construction of Road Over Bridges in replacement of busy level crossings for which the proposals are sponsored by State Government giving the priority. There is no proposal for construction of a Road Over Bridge at Lasalgaon.

[English]

Foreign Contribution to Voluntary Organizations

4139 SHRI HARIN PATHAK : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the foreign contribution received by the voluntary organizations is misused by them;

(b) if so, the machinery that exist to check such misuse; and

(c) the amount of contribution and the name of countries from which the funds were received during each of the last three years by these organizations?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDERJIT GUPTA) : (a) and (b) The associations permitted to receive foreign contribution are required to submit annual returns in the prescribed form giving the details of receipt and utilization for specific purposes/programmes. A Monitoring Unit set up by the Government monitors the receipt of foreign contribution, submission of returns by Associations and undertakes inspections, wherever required. If any complaints of violation of the provisions of the Act came to notice or any such violation is noticed during scrutiny of accounts or inspection, action is taken wherever required, under the provisions of the Act against defaulting associations.

(c) The amount of foreign contribution and the name of countries from which the funds were received as reported by associations/organizations under Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 are contained in the copies of annual reports for these years regarding 'Receipt of foreign contribution by voluntary associations' which are available in the Parliament Library.

Rail Coach Factory in Kerala

4140 SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of India have received any memorandum from Chief Minister of Kerala for setting up of a coach factory in Kerala; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There are two coach manufacturing units with Indian Railways, one at Madras and one at Kapurthala. Each factory can manufacture about 1000 coaches per year. In addition, there are two factories in the Public Sector that are capable of manufacturing coaches.

With the available coach manufacturing capacity in the country, there is no justification to set up another coach manufacturing unit.

Misutilization/Diversion of Central Funds

4141 SHRI VIJAY GOEL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any machinery to oversee the proper utilization of Central funds provided to the State Governments for the implementation of Centrally sponsored schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have noticed some cases of misutilization and diversion of these funds given for the implementation of soil conservation scheme by the States during the last two years till date;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(e) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in each case?